Production of Coal in Talcher

1945. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of coal in Talcher and Ib Valley coalfields during the last three years;

(b) the targets set for the production of coal in those coalfields during this period;

(c) whether steps are being taken by Government to increase the production of coal in those coalfields; and

(d) if so, the projections made for financial year 1995-96?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) and (b) Coal production from Talcher and Ib Valley Coalfields located in Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. against the targets for the last three years i.e. 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 is as under:—

(Million Tonnes)

Year	Target	Actual
1992-93	21.92	23.14
1993-94	23.80	24.30
1994-95	25.00	27.32

(c) and (d) Steps have been taken to increase production of coal from these coalfields and six large capacity projects sanctioned by the Government are presently under implementation which will yield an annual production capacity of about 30 million tonnes on completion. In 1995-96 target for coal production from Talchar and Ib Valley Coalfields has been fixed as 30.75 million tonnes.

Bihar Government schemes pending with Central Government

1946. SHRI RAM DEO BHANDARI: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of such Schemes submitted by the Bihar Government which are lying pending with the Central Government for approval;

(b) what is the latest position regarding these Schemes;

(c) what are the reasons for inordinate delay in this regard; and

(d) by when they are likely to be approved finally?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) to (d) Schemes submitted in the Annual Plans are finalised in consultation with the State Government during Annual Plan discussions in the Planning Commission. In addition, Planning Commission accord approval for Irrigation and Power Projects from Investment angle. No scheme of Bihar Government is pending in the Planning Commission for approval/investment clearance.

Annual Growth Report of the World Bank

1947. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH:
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the portion marked in the Annual Growth Report of World Bank and the point quoted in para 18 of the said report wherein Government of India have been advised to keep the interest of labourers into consideration; and

(b) if so, what concrete initiative, in view of the above circumstances and facts has been taken by Government so far to expedite the enforcement of/compliance with the law relating to child labour exploitation and what has been the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) Government is not aware of such a report

(b) Apart from the prohibitory provisions under the various labour laws like the Factories Act, 1948, Mines Act, 1952, Bidi and Cigar Workers (Conditions of Employment) Act 1966, child labour is also prohibited in scheduled occupations/processes under the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986. All State Governments/UTs are enforcing the various provisions made under the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986. The

enforcement of the Act is monitored by the Central Government.

The number of cases filed against the employers for violation of the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1980 during the last three years are as under:

Year	No. of Violations
1992-93	1884
1993-94	1814
*1994-95	2166

* Compiled on the basis of information received from 20 States/UTs so far.

In addition to the above, various Central Ministries have also been requested to have the various occupations and processes in industries coming under their administrative control reviewed. In case, where concessions are being extended to industries/processes, which on check are found to be employing child labour in contravention of the existing law, the same concessions are to be withdrawn. Besides this, a total of 600 Inspectors have also been trained during the year 1993-94 with a view to ensure more effective enforcement of child labour related laws.

Assistance to Bihar for purchase of vans and for construction of Godowns

1948. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central assistance was provided to Bihar for the purchase of vans and construction of godowns to ensure regular and adequate supply of essential commodities through PDS in the State during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to provide additional central funds to Bihar for purchase of vans to supply PDS items in remote and tribal areas of the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The financial assistance provided by the Central Government to Bihar for construction of godowns and purchase of vans during the last three years is as under:—

(Amount—Rs. in lakhs)

	Financial Assistance Provided	
	For Vans	For Godowns
1992-93	40.00	48.00
1993-94	—	35.04
1994-95	—	23.36

(c) and (d) For the current Financial Year, the Central Government has invited proposals from Government of Bihar for financial assistance for construction of godowns and purchase of vans. The State Government has not furnished any proposal.

गोदाम ग्रिड योजना

1949. **श्री गोविन्दराम मिरी:** क्या नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या किसी राज्य सरकार से "गोदाम ग्रिड योजना" के अन्तर्गत गोदाम निर्माण हेतु सहायता प्राप्त करने के लिये कोई कार्य योजना प्राप्त हुई है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसे कब तक स्वीकृति प्रदान कर दिए जाने की संभावना है?

नागरिक आपूर्ति उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री (श्री बूटा सिंह): (क) और (ख) केन्द्रीय सरकार, संपुष्ट सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के तहत आने वाले क्षेत्रों में वितरण आधार ढांचे को मजबूत बनाने के लिए गोदामों के निर्माण हेतु वित्तीय सहायता मुहैया कराती है। यह एक चलती रहने वाली योजना-स्कीम है और राज्यों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों से प्रति वर्ष प्रस्ताव मंगाए जाते हैं। राज्यों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों से प्राप्त प्रस्ताव छानबीन के बाद बजटीय प्रावधानों की उपलब्धता के अधीन अनुमोदित किए जाते हैं। मध्य प्रदेश सरकार ने अपनी संपुष्ट सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के क्षेत्रों के लिए कुल 2.19 लाख मी॰ टन क्षमता वाले 2223 गोदामों का निर्माण करने हेतु एक "गोडाउन ग्रिड मास्टर प्लान" तैयार किया है। राज्य सरकार ने तीन वर्षों की अवधि के भीतर निर्माण पूरा करने में सहायता करने हेतु राज्य को अनुदान की शक्ल में उदार केन्द्रीय सहायता उपलब्ध कराने की मांग